

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 817
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the
Kingston Springs Fire Department for their
honorable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of public service as firefighters, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding their fellow citizens in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy a wonderful quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely defend our homes and our workplaces against destruction by fire; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to these exemplary citizens who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to ensure the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the laudable individuals who comprise the Kingston Springs Fire Department represent one such exemplary group of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Kingston Springs Fire Department, one of only two volunteer fire departments to achieve an ISO rating of 4, has a long tradition of excellence and remains ever vigilant and dedicated to protecting the citizens of Kingston Springs; and

WHEREAS, maintaining its high standards, the Kingston Springs Fire Department recently built a third substation, which now provides a fire hall within three miles of every citizen of the City of Kingston Springs, and placed service companies in each substation; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the latest technology, the Kingston Springs Fire Department recently acquired 13 AED machines for city buildings, police cars, fire trucks, and parks vehicles; equipped all fire halls with vehicle extrication equipment for maximum response; put three new fire trucks into service; and updated their training library and materials; and

WHEREAS, the Kingston Springs Fire Department is comprised of twenty-six able firefighters, nineteen of which have training as Medical First Responders; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding group takes the utmost pride in providing fire safety education to the public and was recently awarded a grant for a safety trailer with which it has continued its fire safety education outreach; and

WHEREAS, the brave members and recruits of the Kingston Springs Fire Department are: Eugene “Bubba” Ivey, T.C. Swaggerty, Troy Alexander, Jon “J.T.” Talbert, Herschel Fisher, Jason Hollowell, Josh Ruth, Charlie Wharton, Jeremy Vaughan, Parrish Elliott, Brian Slanaker, Terry Hardin, Levi Hiatt, Nathan Vetitoe, Amanda Hollowell, Don Doolin, Jared Sullivan, Karen Dooley, Derek Crutcher, Brandon Tygret, Adam Rayburn, Lindsay Northrup, Rick Prince, and Dale Guthery; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the members of the Kingston Springs Fire Department have saved many homes and countless memories for their friends and neighbors; the importance of their service cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Kingston Springs Fire Department embody the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State”, and they serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, these valiant firefighters are worthy of our most effusive thanks for a difficult job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Kingston Springs Fire Department for diligent and dedicated service to their community as we reflect on their unsurpassed public service and outstanding character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish these courageous Tennesseans much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy